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LETTER TO PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,
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SIR:

This letter responds to the Office action mailed March 3, 2003.

The rejection of claims 1-29 in the subject reissue application under 35 U.S.C. 251 for failure to pay the maintenance fees of the original patent (U.S. Patent No. 5,842,807) is respectfully traversed.

The Patent Office's records indicate that the four-year maintenance fee was paid on May 30, 2002, which was prior to the December 2, 2002 deadline for payment of the fee. Enclosed with this Letter is the Maintenance Fee Statement for the subject patent showing the maintenance fee status as "PAID".

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request timely consideration of Amendment B which was filed on January 17, 2003, in response to the previous Office action dated October 18, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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If a maintenance fee payment is defective, the reason is indicated by code in column 11, "STAT" below. TIMELY CORRECTION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO AVOID EXPIRATION OF THE PATENT. NOTE 37 CFR 1.377. THE PAYMENT(S) ENTERED UPON RECEIPT OF ACCEPTABLE CORRECTION. IF PAYMENT OR CORRECTION IS SUBMITTED DURING THE GRACE PERIOD, A SURCHARGE IS ALSO REQUIRED. NOTE 37 CFR 1.20(k) and (l).

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